

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, June 15, 2009
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:35 PM by Chair Leclerc in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Jones and Firenze were present. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti were also present.

Executive Session

The Board moved to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and subsequently to return to open session. The Board entered executive session at 6:36 PM.

(During executive session no substantive motions were made.)

The Board returned to open session at 7:16 PM.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

There were none.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

2008 Review Town Audit

Ernie Fay and other members of the Permanent Audit Committee appeared before the Board to discuss the annual Town Audit. Mr. Fay noted that the Annual Report states that an audit must be done every three years. However, it is done in Belmont every year due to a federal regulation. Belmont is one of 12 towns that has a AAA bond rating. Belmont's AAA rating was confirmed in March 2009.

Street Sign for Waverley Woods Housing

Ms. Nancy Marsh, Manager of Waverley Woods Housing (WWH), appeared before the Board to discuss the need for a street sign at the Waverley Woods Housing complex. The lack of signage has become a safety issue, as no one can find the buildings. Ms. Marsh stated that she is only asking for permission to install the sign and that the WWH will pay

for the sign since the drive is not a public way. Selectman Firenze said he has no concerns, but requested that the sign be consistent with other town signs. Mr. Younger said that Mr. Clancy has approved the sign design.

The Board moved: To permit the erection of a street sign for Waverly Woods. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Verizon Petition No. D09-32

Mr. Debole, a Verizon representative, appeared before the Board to discuss the Verizon Petition No. D09-32. He is requesting permission to install a sidewalk anchor to hold down a pole on Holden Road. Chairman Leclerc said that the town is disappointed with the double-pole situation. Selectman Firenze asked if there was a list of the double poles and suggested that said list be given to Verizon and then Verizon can be asked for a written update on when those poles (pole by pole) are dealt with. Selectman Jones noted that some of the poles have wires on them that Verizon cannot deal with. Mr. Debole explained the pole wire occupancy issue (NStar, Comcast own some wires). Mr. Jones established that Verizon owns half the poles. Chair Leclerc stressed that the poles must be removed in earnest, not with half efforts.

The Board moved: To approve the request (Verizon Petition No. D09-32) contingent upon Verizon supplying the Town with the double pole list within 30 days. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Wellington Building Committee Appointment

Chair Leclerc welcomed Pat Bruschi and Joe Barrell to the Board of Selectmen table to discuss the appointment of Mr. Barrell to the Wellington Building Committee (WBC) as a Board of Selectmen liaison. Selectman Firenze stated that the appointment of Mr. Barrell should not be interpreted as a lack of trust in building committees. He stated that he would like Mr. Barrell to begin work early on in the WBC process work to avoid problems, to come in within the budget, and to keep the WBC on schedule.

Mr. Barrell spoke about his experience on the Chenery Building Committee. He said he would do his best to anticipate challenges as early in the process as possible. Selectman Firenze requested feedback in the form of periodic reports given to the Board of Selectmen.

New Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Wheelabrator

Peter Castanino, DPW Director, appeared before the Board to discuss a new Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Wheelabrator. Mr. Castanino said that the town is in the last year of a five-year contract. He noted that he wants to join with a new consortium when the current contract ends. He stated that he received competitive bids and the desired bid from the current facility has rolled back the prices to what they were five years ago, as

well as renegotiating the final year of the existing contract to lower the rate for 2010. The Board reviewed the fees. Mr. Castanino noted that this contract was for disposal of waste only, not solid waste collection, yard waste, or recycling.

The Board moved: To sign the amendment to the old contract and approve and sign the new contract as proposed.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board and Mr. Castanino then discussed proper disposal of sand and dirt from streets if collected by residents.

ACTION BY WRITING

Tree Service Contracts for FY 2010, 2011 and 2012

Mr. Castanino noted that bids were received for tree service contracts. He recommended continuing with the current contractor, Asplundh, for the tree services.

The Board moved: To accept the Asplundh contract for tree service.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Handicap Parking Space – 11 Poplar Street

Mr. Conti explained that a Handicap Parking Space was requested at 11 Poplar Street. The Town's informal parking group recommended that Board approve the request.

The Board moved: To accept the recommendation to place a Handicapped Parking space at 11 Poplar St.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Committee Appointments

Chair Leclerc noted the Board's informal policy of limiting committee members to 9 years (three terms) of consecutive service guideline. The Board agreed that this guideline is flexible.

Belmont Housing Trust:

Selectman Firenze recused himself from the discussion.

The Board moved: That Mr. Colton, Ms. Alyssa Garner-Todreas, and Mr. Laverty be appointed to the Belmont Housing Trust.

The motion passed (2-0).

Belmont Vision 21:

The Board moved: To reappoint Ms. Page and Dr. Solomon, and to solicit other members to submit applications for appointment consideration.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Cable Television Advisory Committee:

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Blesser.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Conservation Commission:

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Webster and Mr. Lichauco.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Council on Aging:

The Board moved: To reappoint Ms. Lougee, Mr. Hegarty and to appoint Dr. Cahalane.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Cultural Council:

The Board moved: To appoint Ms. Hicks, Mr. Stalberg, Ms. Sandvik, and Ms. Quirk and reappoint Ms. Freiberg.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Disability Access Commission:

The Board moved: To reappoint Ms. Donald.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Younger will get in touch with the Nolan family regarding additional appointments to the Disability Access Commission.

Education Scholarship Committee:

The Board moved: To appoint Ms. Firenze (as she is a former school teacher) and reappoint Mr. Sullivan.
The motion passed (2-0). Selectman Firenze did not vote.

Historic District Commission HDC:

The Board agreed to postpone HDC appointments until the June 29th meeting.
The Board will get input from the HDC Chair.

Human Rights Commission:

The Board moved: To reappoint Ms. Yuan for a one-year term.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To appoint Dr. Solomon, Ms. Cicalese, Mr. Laverty, and Ms. Panos for staggered terms.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Information Technology:

No appointments are necessary at this time.

Property and Casualty Insurance:

(Note: This committee was formerly known as the Insurance Advisory Committee.)

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Watson, Mr. Maase and to appoint Mr. DeLorey and Ms. Haralampu.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):

The Board moved: To reappoint Dr. Missal, Chief Frizzell, Mr. Corsino, Mr. Santoro, and Mr. Saidnawey.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

MWRA Advisory Board:

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Castanino.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Belmont Municipal Light Department (BMLD):

The Board agreed to hold off on this one.

Permanent Audit Committee:

Chair Leclerc designated Selectman Jones to be the Board representative as Selectman Firenze stepped down.

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Caruso and Mr. Fay.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Leclerc appointed Selectman Jones to the Capital Budget Committee.

Permanent Building Committee:

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Sala.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Planning Board:

Selectman Firenze recused himself from the discussion.

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Baghdady.
The motion passed (2-0).

Recreation Commission:

The Board agreed to postponed the Recreation Commission discussion. Selectman Jones suggested that the Board speak with Ms. King, Chair of the Recreation Commission.

Registrar of Voters:

The Board agreed to postpone this discussion.

Shade Tree Committee:

The Board agreed to postpone this discussion.

Town Counsel:

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Giorgio.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Traffic Advisory Committee:

The status of this committee will be reviewed by Mr. Younger.

Water Advisory Board

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Greene.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):

The Board agreed to postpone this discussion.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Younger reported on the following items:

- Mr. Younger requested that the Board delegate authority to him to approve sidewalk table licenses for this year only. Selectman Firenze recused himself from the discussion.

The Board moved: To delegate authority to Mr. Younger to approve the sidewalk table licenses for this year only.
The motion passed (2-0).

- ALS study report is expected in September.
- The BSA and BSS (soccer leagues) will sign the field rotation agreement.
- Waverley Square parking lot reconfiguration will cost \$3,000. He suggested that the Trapelo Road project pay for it. All Board members agreed.
- CVS – trash pick up issue appears to have been resolved.
- Town Council will review options for enforcing double poles regulations.
- A meeting was held with School Finance Director Dr. Missal and Town department heads regarding planning for the relocation of Wellington students to modular units at Belmont High School.
- Chief Frizzell and Mr. Younger attended a meeting regarding the regionalization of dispatchers.
- Mr. Conti noted that Belmont has renewed its current insurance contracts for FY10 and will be spending about the same on insurance this year as last.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes – September 15/29, 2008; October 6/20, 2008; November 19, 2008; December 8/15, 2008; January 5/12/14/26, 2009; February 2/4/23, 2009; March 30/31, 2009; April 1/6/13/22/27, 2009; May 18, 2009

The Board moved: To accept the Minutes specified above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY WRITING (continued)

Renewal of License – Dvin Jewelers, 201 Belmont Street

The Board moved: To accept the license renewal of Dvin Jewelers.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Renewal of License – Marcou Jewelers, 46 Leonard Street

The Board moved: To accept the license renewal of Marcou Jewelers.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

OTHER

Selectmen “Other” Topics

Chair Leclerc:

- The internal restructuring committee (“Fab Four”) draft report is available for the Selectmen to peruse.
- Minuteman – Ms. Brusch suggested that a Board of Selectmen member be placed on the Minuteman committee. The Board agreed that this was an unfamiliar practice. Selectmen Firenze suggested that a letter be written from the Board members saying that it is concerned about out-of-control costs. Selectman Jones suggested that Representative Brownsberger be notified, as well. The Board discussed the issues related to Minuteman.

Selectman Firenze touched upon the following topics in his “other” report:

- Senior Center furniture bids
- Woodfall Road property
- Cushing Square (needs to move forward, parking lot issue resolved)
- fireworks were great
- an election site will be needed as the existing Senior Center site will not be available in the fall
- a Proclamation Plan is needed
- Belmont Center Planning Group report and the future of the group needs to be decided upon
- the situation regarding the Uplands legal suit.

Executive Session

The Board moved: To enter into Executive Session at 10:15 to discuss non-union labor negotiations . The Board will not return to Open Session.
A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye.

(During executive session no substantive motions were made. The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 pm.)

Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator